

Moran Visits the United Nations, Pressures International Community to Take Action in Darfur

NEW YORK CITY - Congressman Jerry Moran and House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer this week visited the United Nations (UN) to meet with UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon and Ambassadors to the UN from Egypt, China and the United States. Moran's time at the UN was prompted following reports of increased violence in Sudan despite promised troop increases to secure the region.

"The crisis is ongoing in Darfur and people are continuing to suffer and die everyday," Moran said. "It is long past time for action by the UN and international community. We need a united front with countries like Egypt and China to pressure Sudan to allow peacekeeping troops into the region of Darfur. Humanitarian workers have been attacked and killed, suspending operations to aid those who are suffering. The situation cries out for world attention."

Moran visited Darfur in April to see for himself the conditions the people of Sudan are enduring and meet with government officials and humanitarian leaders to discuss ways to end the conflict. Next week, the House is expected to vote on measures to place additional pressure on Sudan to end the violence, allow full humanitarian access to Darfur and find a solution to the crisis.

Moran serves as co-chair of the House Hunger Caucus.

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